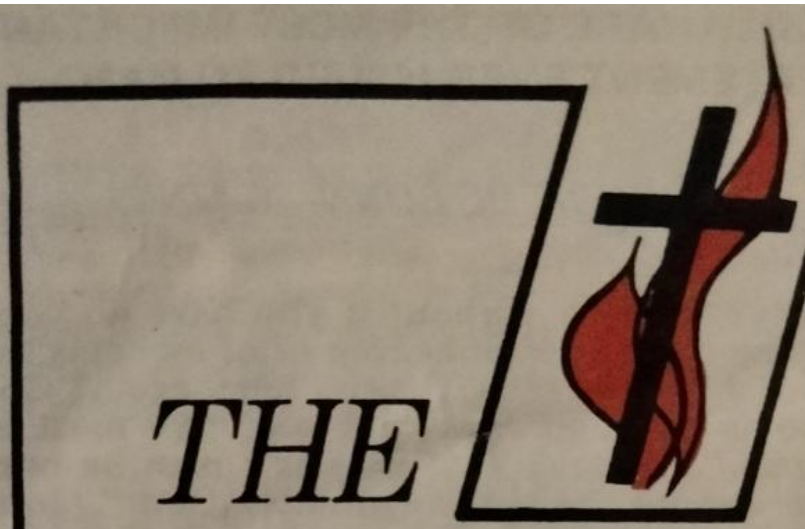

THE NEW BIRTH

ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD

what it is

AND

why you need it

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT STATEMENT EVER ISSUED TO MAN?

"YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN"

Why? because without it you have no hope of enjoying the glories of heaven or of escaping the terrors of hell. Have YOU been born again? God spoke to us through Jesus and said, "Ye must be born again." (John 3:7). "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3).

WHAT THE NEW BIRTH IS

IT IS THE WORK OF GOD by which each one of us, as a hell-deserving sinner, can receive a new life. It is a second birth, a spiritual birth. (Rom. 3:23 & 6:23).

The new birth is not a religion, it is
not morality, it is not reformation --

It is a mystery words cannot explain, but a reality you cannot explain away. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Jesus spoke those words to Nicodemus, a well educated religious leader; who was doing his best to gain heaven. Just as Nicodemus could not understand or explain the wind, so no man can really understand or explain the new birth. You do not have to understand all the mysteries of God. If religious Nicodemus needed to be born again, so do you. How do you expect to make it to heaven without being born again if Nicodemus couldn't?

It is with you as it was with Nicodemus keeping the law, going to church, joining a church, being religious, being baptized, living up to a creed

HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN

1. **ACCEPT GOD'S WORD: THAT HE LOVES YOU AND WANTS TO GIVE YOU AN ABUNDANT LIFE.** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish; but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10).

2. **ACCEPT GOD'S WORD: THAT YOU ARE A SINNER; THAT THIS SEPARATES YOU FROM GOD; THAT YOU MUST TRULY REPENT,** or "turn away" from sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23). "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to **REPENTANCE.**" (2 Pet. 3:9).

3. **ACCEPT GOD'S WORD: THAT THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS IS GOD'S ONLY PROVISION FOR MAN TO GET RID OF SIN.** ". . . the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7). "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

4. **ACCEPT GOD'S WORD: THAT JESUS CHRIST IS OUR ONLY CONTACT WITH GOD.** "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 2:5).

5. **RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR AND LORD BY YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION.** "But as many as received Him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God." (John 1:12). "Behold I stand at the door

and knock; If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I WILL COME IN TO HIM. . . ." (Christ speaking in Revelation 3:20).

Do you feel a tug at your heart right now?
This is how He knocks. Jesus wants in!

Will you receive Christ right now?
You can be saved in 30 seconds!
Open the door!

Pray now in your own words,
God knows your heart---
Pray something like this:

"Lord Jesus, I truly repent of my sins, I turn my back on them-right now-and look to you! I ask you to forgive me. I open the door of my heart and receive you as My Saviour and My Lord. Take control of my life, keep me from evil and make me the kind of person you want me to be!"

This is the point where you take your step of faith in God's word. Thank Him for coming in whether you "Feel Saved" or not! Like this: "Thank you Lord for coming into my heart and for hearing my prayer as you promised". Your life will start to change from this moment.

ASSURANCE
Did you ask Christ into your heart?
Were you sincere?

Then where is He right now?
Christ said He would come in!
He is not a liar.

If your answer is "yes, Christ is in my heart", **YOU ARE BORN AGAIN**. "He that hath the Son hath life (right now): and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." "These things have I written unto you that believeth on the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life." (I John 5:12-13).

REMEMBER, even though you may sense the presence of God right now, you may not tomorrow! You are not saved because you "feel saved". Your faith must stand on God's word, not on feelings.

HOW TO BECOME STRONG IN THE LORD AND STAY STRONG IN THE LORD

THANK THE LORD EVERY DAY FOR SAVING YOUR SOUL -- Jesus said, ". . . He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." (John 14:21). Expect a change in your life!

WITNESS---Tell someone at every opportunity what you have done---that you have accepted Christ as your personal Saviour. This is very important. If you truly love Jesus, you will want to tell others about Him, and He will "manifest" Himself to you. Read Romans 10:9-10. "That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

ASK GOD to fill you with the Holy Spirit that you might be a powerful witness in every phase of your life -- "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me--" (Acts 1:8).

"If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" (Luke 11:13).

READ GOD'S WORD EVERY DAY -- You are a new born babe in Chris' -- you need food -- it comes from God's Word. Start by reading the Gospel of John over three times. Put yourself in the place of Nicodemus! The Bible will have new meaning to you now.

PRAY -- Take time every day to kneel down and pray and praise His name. Talk to God -- out loud -- just as you would to another person, and in the name of Jesus.

SEEK THE FELLOWSHIP OF OTHER BORN AGAIN CHRISTIANS -- You will grow strong in the fellowship. By studying and praying together you will be drawn into the meat of God's Word. You will be able to resist sin and receive the "Abundant Life."

• Joseph Frano

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